

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject patent application are respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statements were filed in this application on January 13, 2005 and April 15, 2005. Consideration of the information in these statements and return of initialed PTO-1449 forms with the next office action to evidence this consideration are respectfully requested.

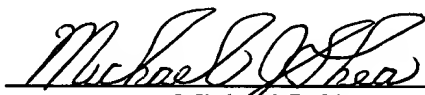
While not acquiescing in the rejection in the January 3, 2005 Office Action, claims 1, 2 and 5 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The remaining claims 3, 4 and 6-17 are allowed. Amendments of a formal nature have been made to claims 3, 4, 6 and 13-17. Entry of these amendments is believed to be appropriate and is respectfully requested.

Consequently, this application is now believed to be allowable and favorable office action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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